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Letter dated 3 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to attach herewith the statement made by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 27 June 2008, concerning the United States lifting of major economic sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the attached statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 3 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

27 June 2008

On 26 June the United States made public a decision on starting the process of taking the Democratic People's Republic of Korea off the list of "state sponsors of terrorism" and exempting it from the "Trading with the Enemy Act" as a practical measure for lifting economic sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the agreement of 3 October reached at the six-party talks.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea appreciates and hails this as a positive measure.

What is important in the days ahead is for the United States to fundamentally drop its hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a policy that compelled it to have access to a nuclear deterrent.

The measure taken by the United States to lift the major sanctions which it applied against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, listing it as an enemy State for more than half a century, should lead to totally withdrawing its hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in all fields in the future.

Only then can the denuclearization process make smooth progress along its orbit.

Other participating nations of the six-party talks should also fully honour their commitments to make economic compensations in time as already promised.

The six parties should have the fulfilment of all their commitments verified and monitored on the principle of the joint statement of 19 September, which calls for denuclearizing the whole Korean peninsula in a verifiable manner.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will sincerely implement joint statement of 19 September, closely following each party's fulfilment of its commitment on the principle of "action for action" in the future, too, as it submitted a complete and accurate declaration on its nuclear activities this time in keeping with the United States measure for political compensation.